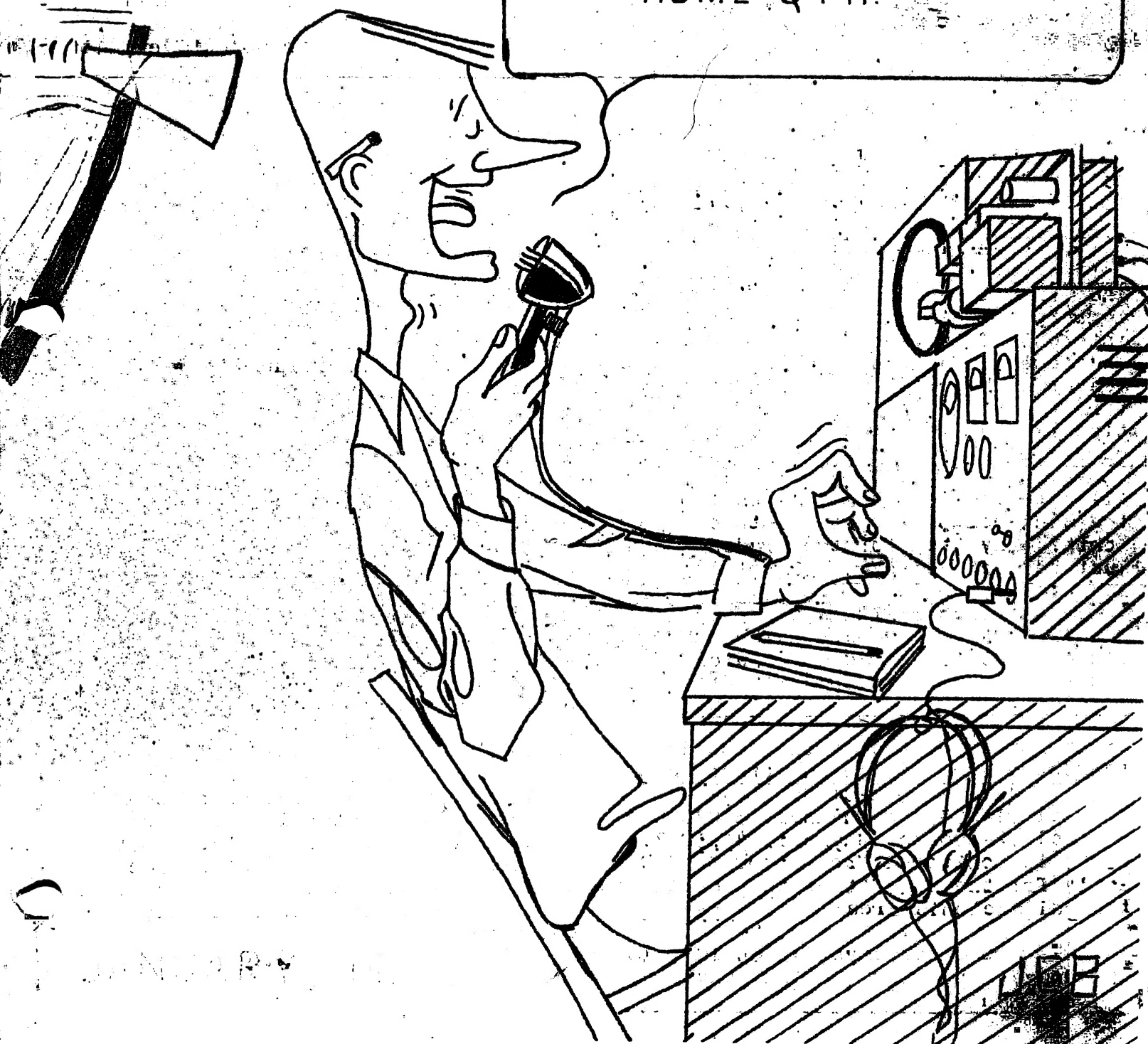


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All material for the SILURB must be in the hands of W3PY by the 15th of the month. Any item for the Trading Post must be received by W3PY not later than the 15th of the month.

CLUB OFFICERS

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First Monday of the month, Cassidy Road  
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Channel 1-2949kc Channel 3-27000kc  
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I know I speak for all the Club Officers in expressing a sense of gratitude for your trust in us. These offices represent quite an inheritance of good leadership and thoughtful planning. We will all do our best to continue this example in the coming year.

## "PET PROJECTS"

All of us are individuals, and as such we possess certain traits and desires which are not exactly duplicated in others. Often, however, individuals with a common aim will organize to concentrate their effort, and thus more readily achieve their objective. It must be remembered that any organization is composed of individuals united together, if ever, to their ideas relative to the accomplishment of certain projects never coincide.

Now does all this apply to Phil-Mont? First, we are a group of individuals who maintain our privilege to operate primarily because of our value to national security. Recognizing that our effectiveness in this respect as a group far exceeds our individual potential, we have organized into a club. Second, because we are individuals, we all have "pet projects" that we feel are most vital to the realization of the objectives of the club.

In the months to come, there will be numerous proposals presented on ways to best spend our time and money. The complete execution of some proposals must necessarily have precedence over others, since it is impossible to do everything at one time. Fortunately, there is a very simple gauge that we can use in determining priority of the proposals as they arise. This gauge is nothing more than a question: which of the plans under consideration best implements our efforts to provide a reliable mobile communications service? If we continue to apply this measure as in the past, discussion of conflicting proposals will naturally lead to the selection of the most suitable path to our common aim. Some "pet projects" will inevitably fall by the way-side, but this is a small price to pay for our advancement.

W3JG

And now you have it - the new officer line up for 1956.

President	Bob Thomas	W3QZ0
Vice Pres.	John Muroff	W3SAI
Secretary	Jim Spencer	W3CCH
Treasurer	Ernest Juliani	W3D&G

Again we have a strong group of officers for the coming year. You voters did it up well again. We will say that the vote was close and we mean close so those who lost need not feel that they are not wanted. In fact it is indeed an honor to run for one fine organization - PMRC. Those who won can feel somewhat humble to the fact that they were not placed there by a landslide. There were no Roosevelts nor Eisenhowers in our election. The suggestion - to out the President and Vice President on the same slate and take the two highest of the vote - was a bit late since the committee by pressure of time had to act. Maybe it will be done next year. The movement to make "Assistant" offices at the Secretary and Treasurer level had to be bypassed for the same reason, however it is hoped these ideas will be put into effect. If you recall the reason to limit our membership to 100 was mainly because of the heavy administrative load on the officers. Time has shown this to be a good move. The split up of the offices is for the same reason. The administrative load has gone up anyway because of a closer knit organization with activities we never had. Emphasis has changed from acquiring new members to promoting the amateur in the eyes of the public and as may be expected this policy has brought us many strong members - so you see the merry circle. With no intent to be aloof, since we are too many to put on the dog, we can choose those who we believe will be strong supporters of policies that have been established over a period of years. You may say the two boys on top of the totem pole are good examples of how "strength" walks in the door. Bob W3QZ0 joined the club January 1954, just two years ago. In two years he made President. John joined one year ago, January 1955, and he is Vice President, so there you have it. --- A strong word for the outgoing officers - Thanks fellows for a job superbly done. We are able to stick our chest out because you led us thru another successful year. It's well to remind those who don't know - how tough it was to get seven or eight fellows out to a meeting not so very long ago - we have had our ups and downs. We can't afford any more downs. George our Vice President and Chuck our President can take pride in the strength that has developed over the past year. It was thru their efforts we have added many new prospective officers and committee men to our ranks. --- Way back in September we had an auction on which ED was obliged not to comment for fear of campaigning for any 1956 officers. Our President put ED in a bad spot by making him Chairman of the Nominating Committee. ED couldn't make any noise about the job well done by W3WNC our red hot auctioneer and W3D&G (our bookmaker). If you were observing you would have noticed the bang up system Ernie worked up to account for the cash paid in. One loop hole we must plug - it was reported a couple of outsiders made off with gear unpaid. That will be taken care of next time. --- In accordance with unwritten custom, all committeemen resign as of the first of every year to permit the President to fill all the gaps. Three of the staff cannot resign - they have reached such nation wide fame - we can't run the risk of letting them go because Andy "3NL is liable to steal them. So be it said our Carsoomery Department is hereby drafted for the ensuing year. W3IM, W4JQS and Jim Barber are the boys you can thank for the lively front cover work on the Blurb. Everyone has been climbing all over "3I's back for the bad printing job last month and it really wasn't his fault. Blame it on ED - he didn't get the copy in on time and the ink did not dry. Fire ED - gud riddance. We could have had those fancy new machines like they have at the Bulletin and still had trouble if we didn't let the ink dry so lay off IW and the machine - they are doing a fine job. --- Incidentally all the reporters are fired for not getting scoop into ED, everyone except "3HYD and he quit because his typer machine laid down and died. Who has one he can use to continue his now famous Tobby Hobby Page. There must be one available in the club somewhere that is not in use. The print you have been reading for some time comes from the machine loaned to "3IW by our League Beagle W3ADF. The latest word has it Bill gave the Club the machine that typed this page. Thanks a million Bill - the boys really appreciate it. --- "3IJM got a prize in his "Floor Sweepings Prize" at the last regular meeting - he says those green suckers taste like "mint". W3SGR bought a loop for his boat to do some "DF'ing. How about a rig in the car and some hidden rig hunting Carl. Incidentally note the Announcements for the next rig hunt. Tex reports the rules

may be altered a little to make the point system of sinning a bit more attractive. --- W3QGH has a walkin-standup ham shack in his garage. --- At the last golf match they ran out of ladies so the Philmont boys said this time they would go around in Chevies, but not to let it happen again - W3SAI. --- W3VSD puts a stronger signal than UNO who over on the N.J. Turnpike! W3QZO is about to put out a signal on channel #4. The rest of you guys had better hurry up. W3IW finally is working on a Channel #1 ARC5. --- We have more comments from the membership about badges. "It will take effort on our part but our meetings will be more friendly if all the members display their call letters. Let's do something about it!" --- W3VXN put up a new antenna and immediately worked a G8. W3QGH, W3V and W3DOU hooked the same boy. W3QGH and W3DOU were mobile. England got an ear-bending job about Philmont. It looks like gud times are right around the corner. The word has it the peak is winter 1957 and 1958. Not far away fellers you had better get the beam up. Reminds ED of the good ole days in '46 when he used to call the West Coast on his 200 watt mobile like calling across town. He brags he is the only ham who ever lighted a 40 watt florescent tube on all four hubcaps - tis-a-fact. We had better do some serious thinking about the skip that will pile in at all hours on the top end of the band. --- The film produced by PMRC's finest, W3VXN, cost \$233.55. You could slide the decimal point two places to the right if it were done commercially. --- We are in the hole \$108 for the banquet. Next to the film it was the best buck we have ever spent.

From W3ENG:

The Hechts have moved their domicile

And set it up in proper style

The welcome mat is out to stay

The freq is set to guide your way

Please make a date for an early call

At two, two four two, Cambridge Road, Broomall.

Some notes on the FD activities led by W3QZO. We were 23rd out of 191 in our class. We were 2nd highest in the 3rd call area. We had the 2nd hi nation wide club mobile. --- The official club roster is out thanks to W3IRS. --- W3V was seen at the last meeting - let him out more often. Will you Belle, please huh? We can't show him any tricks he doesn't already know. Maybe ED has this all twisted around - give us the word, B. W3NL sure wrote a nice letter to W3IM complimenting him on his carpoonery. --- W3U2S and W3PXV won the Almo and RASCO award last time. W3PXV drove within 20 feet of the store the other day and had to head for home - that traffic situation is not worth it. Who is going to open up a Ham store next to a parking lot you don't have to buy your car back from. (Ending the sentence with a preposition is the best kind.) --- We sure missed the boat at the Lansdale parade - some lil girl came up to the trailer and asked the boys to send a message to Santy for a dollie et al. Too bad we didn't get the scoop to plan Santy for her - that would have really been fun. Philmont has all kinds of services - of late expectent fathers are on call. If the blurb doesn't get out you will know what happened. You don't hear much about Eleanor W3IW's xyl, but she is responsible for typing the finish copy you have been reading for the last three years. --- W3U1 puts a stronger signal than UNO who on the Penna. Turnpike. --- We wonder if VSD has worked VVS on 160 yet? --- W3VVS says his ARB rec is working fine. --- We promise the next issue of the Blurb will also be in English fellers hi.

ON THE SECOND ROUND YOU OMIT THE GINGER ALE

by John Muroff W3SAI

A few of us are sitting around in the lobby of the local hospital waiting for the visiting hours to begin so we can go up and chew with the Fragrant Vagrant who is an unwitting inhabitant there when the P.A. system, which up to now is calling for one doctor and another, suddenly lets out a handful of CQ's loud enough to curl your hair. As a matter of fact, Robert Smoothie, who is with us, later admits that his scalp wrinkles up like an old-fashioned washboard, and his XYL is seriously thinking of returning the automatic washer he recently gets her.

Even though we all recognize the gravel going down the chute as belonging to the old Vagrant, nobody lets out a peep, and we just keep hanging by our fingertips waiting for 7:00 PM to roll around. While rumor has it that he is incarcerated in the local bone factory following the removal of a section of brass-rail from his left foot, I personally do not place much faith in this



story, as I figure it's one of Red Arrow's specials. In any case, the chime box gives out with a natural, and we all head up to see the patient himself, and I must admit that this is the spiciest bum I see in a long time.

First of all, begins the Fragrant Vagrant. I want you guys to relax and enjoy yourselves, as this time the drinks and smokes are on the house, with seconds for everybody. I know that this offer may cost me my membership in the Freelancers, but the insurance company is your host, so hop to it, lads. I would wait on you personally, but as you can see, my left leg is encased in plaster cast, and since this is something which results from the actions of others I'm here as the guest of the local TV station. If you will have the courtesy to listen to me for a minute instead of clinking the ice in your glasses, you will get to hear that one day when I am starting to climb up the antenna tower, some joker puts the studio clock ahead one hour, and a mutton-headed engineer kicks in the carrier and starts to load up. This sudden burst of energy propels me into outer space, and when I wake up I am in here being wrapped up like an Egyptian mummy. My lawyer, Bill the Birdie, tells me to say nothing and sign nothing until he can figure out a peace treaty with my employers, so the sky's the limit. Skoll!

In order to occupy my time, continues the Fragrant Vagrant, I have some of the perverts from the station bring up my old KV rig from the shack and when the hospital electrician strings a long-wire up on the roof I am immediately in business, although I later hear from him that my signal is getting into everything that is in any way related to the subject of electricity, and it requires the transfer of a few pieces of eight to clam him up. As a matter of fact one of the nurses that works in the operating room tells me that the other morning just as the surgical resident is getting ready to use the electric cautery, my KV goes on the air, and before any one knows what happens, from my remote position I assist in the removal of a pair of infected tonsils and while I do not believe this 100%, I am also thinking that it is lucky I don't whistle to check my modulation or the guy might now be missing his adenoids as well.

Anyhow, concludes the Vagrant, Spanish Russ and Jolly Cholly are here the other day to take my picture, and these clowns come up with a world-beater; they wrap some quarter-inch copper tubing around my cast and connect a condenser across it, and everytime I get into a round-table on 493 mc., when it is my turn to transmit I give myself a diathermy treatment on my game leg. And keep it under wraps, you guys, because if WBSAI hears about it, he will probably swipe the idea, form a company, and start selling stook. Skoll!

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Tis the time of the year to wish that you could make resolutions that you could keep. From the sound of things Santy has been good. Remember what Santy brings next year depends on how big a liar you make out of yourself. Let's use discretion driving home after the big blowout. If you drink don't drive - if you drive let's not talk about it - just get yourself home in one piece, better still leave the heap on the street if you're thick with the speech. It only costs dollars in a taxi - an accident can cost your life. The BLURB staff and Club officers wish the best to you all. May all your New Year Fibs be little ones. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 9th - Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Meeting

January 15th - Transmitter Hunt - Playhouse in the Park

1 PM sharp

A new idea of continuous tape will be used.

January 20th - Almo Convention - Penn Sherwood Hotel

#### NEW MOBILE

W3SOB, W3TNB, W3YEA, W3DYT.

#### VISITORS AT THE LAST MEETING

W3SOB, W3CBK, Bob Moore, W3ZJS, W3WY, W3HFY, Norman Foyer

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